

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -
Serial No.: 10/560,918, TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600**

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Application No. 10/560,918)
Filed: December 16, 2005) Group Art Unit: 1656
For: MODIFIED HIRUDIN PROTEINS AND)
T-CELL EPITOPES IN HIRUDIN)
Examiner: Karen C. Carlson, Ph.D.) Attorney Docket No. MER-142

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated September 14, 2007 on the above-identified application. Please amend the application as set forth herein.

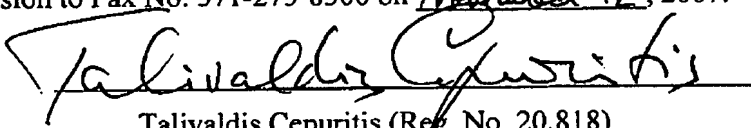
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

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